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The wisest observations of the weather prophets indicate that the coming winter will be comparatively mild over the East and South.

A tramp has told a politician that he understood the business of prevarication only as an amateur, and was happy to meet a professional.

The Life-Saving Service is a source of pride to our country. Out of 2,700 lives in peril, by shipwreck, only 27 were lost during the past year.

The Washington Star nominates Editor Cutting as the American candidate for the throne of Bulgaria, but we insist that our Petersburg nominee is the coming man.

The report of the Union Pacific Railroad Company has been received at the Interior Department, and the principal feature of it is that it recommends the bill before Congress granting it a long extension of its debt to the Government.

"I consider that I have been chosen to represent the plans, purposes, and the policy of the Democratic party. I am profoundly impressed by the solemnity of the occasion, and by the responsibility of my position."—President Cleveland in 1884.

Times have changed when we read of an alleged Ku-Klux outrage on negroes in Missouri by an alleged "White Horse company," and the tale passes off quietly without being painted red by Senator Hoar and put through the old outrage mill.

Mr. Lorillard suggests the plan of a Labor Congress and a Labor Court, corresponding to the United States Supreme Court, to adjust all labor troubles. The difficulty would be to get the capitalists to abide by the decisions passed by one side only.

R. G. Head, representing the cattle-raisers of the plains and \$600,000,000, writes to ask the President to embody in his message a recommendation to Congress to frame some legislation to remedy the spread of the contagious plague that afflicts the stock.

President Fitzgerald, of the Irish National League, has issued an appeal to the Irish in America.

"We must not stand idle," he says, "in the face of the present crisis," referring to the policy of coercion and recommending a good supply of funds to meet the difficulty.

A classic friend sends us the following line from Juvenal, which we commend to the readers of the recent figures on the debt:

"Jam semper ego auditor; nunquam respondent?"

Liberal translation: "Must I be heard as Auditor all the time and have no rest at all?"

There has been an issue between the British Postoffice Department and the Cunard and White Star lines, and the result is a contract with the Guion line for three months, at the end of which time new bids will be called for. The Postoffice Department claims that the object is to break up a monopoly of the Trans-Atlantic Mail Service, and the steamship lines claim that the British Government wanted too much for the money paid.

THE VALUE OF REPUTATION.

There are thousands of people in Virginia who are not aware of the fact that the mercantile prosperity of the State and all her people, the value of her lands, and the development of her resources, depend on her good name.

They have been excited by a theory of debt settlement upon a machine-made schedule of figures; and, thereby being persuaded upon a mere noisy sensation, are led to think that it would be well to put the State in an attitude of opposition to the United States Supreme Court.

What can come of this policy in the end? Nothing but a final surrender to the inevitable and, in the meantime, a struggle waged upon a mistaken idea and a consequent depreciation of the character of the State of Virginia.

We are told every day of millions of capital flowing into the "New South." But the "New South" is the name which the mercantile world gives to a people regenerated by the dreadful ordeal of suffering, until they have acquired modern ways of thought and put themselves abreast with the times. While this march is being made towards a greater prosperity than the South ever dreamed of before, the fairest portion of it is ridden by a nightmare begotten of the bad digestion of morbid minds and speculative demagogues, who would be better employed on a worthy patriotism that would set the example of dealing with public affairs on practical business principles. We shall continue to point out the fallacy of the idea that the Riddleberger act can settle the debt, but besides the testimony of the figures and facts is the great consideration that the State should hasten to rescue herself from the bad name of repudiation and the consequent disastrous results to her progress and prosperity.

THE COUNTY-COLLECTION BUGABOO.

For several years past there have been visionary persons throwing out dark hints of how the State was going to knock the bondholder out when she provided for collecting all her revenues by the counties as county dues which are not payable in coupons. The proposition is so ridiculous that no one has ever thought it worth examining to show its absurdity. But on yesterday the Lieutenant-Governor of the State seriously brought it forward as the panacea for the State's ills, and that fact justifies us in giving it a passing notice.

Leaving out of view that such an attempted readjustment of the relations of the State to the counties is wholly at war with the entire theory of the State's Constitution, and, therefore, that it is beyond the power of the Legislature to pass an act aimed at accomplishing any such purpose, let us look at the proposition itself.

The proposal is that all money collected by taxation shall be called county dues, and, after the county has collected it, it shall apportion out a part of it that would be equal to a tax of forty cents on the hundred dollars of property in that county, and pay it over to the State.

Now, calling a tax that is to be collected a tax due to the county does not make it a tax due to the county, if, in fact, it is a tax due to the State. And if, in fact, the tax is due to the State and not to the county, it is just as much payable in coupons as if it were called a tax due to the State instead of a tax due to the county.

And if the county, after collecting the gross amount of tax, is under an obligation to pay over a certain portion of it to the State, then, when the county collected the tax, it was collecting money that had to go ultimately to the State, and was therefore a State due. Part of the tax collected was a duty that was solvable in coupons, and, if the county has so mixed her own levies with those that are to go to the State, that the taxpayer cannot ascertain and mark out the part that is payable in coupons, this does not cut him out of his right to pay in coupons, it is only the worse for the county. The county will have so confused matters that, instead of the State tax only being payable in coupons, the whole levy, State and county, will have become payable in coupons.

There is nothing new in this. It has been the law of all civilized nations in all time. It was known to the Roman civil law as the doctrine applicable to a *confusio bonorum*. The law on this subject is thus stated by Judge Story in his work on Equity Jurisprudence, volume 1, section 468: "Upon similar grounds, as an agent is bound to keep the property of his principal distinct from his own. If he mixes it up with his own the whole will be taken both at law and in equity to be the property of the principal until the agent puts the subject-matter under such circumstances that it may be distinguished

as satisfactorily as it might have been before the unauthorized mixture on his part. In other words the agent is put to the necessity of showing clearly what part of the property belongs to him; and so far as he is unable to do this, it is treated as the property of his principal. Courts of equity do not in these cases proceed upon the notion that strict justice is due between the parties, but upon the ground that it is the only justice that can be done, and that it would be inequitable to suffer the fraud or negligence of the agent to prejudice the rights of his principal."

So, if the counties mix their levies with the State's levies so that the tax-payer cannot determine which is which, he will have the right to pay all with coupons.

Any act of this sort which the Legislature might adopt, would come immediately under the supervision of Judge Bond, who would practically be the Court of last resort, as no appeal can be taken from his judgments unless \$5,000 are involved. This being so it is interesting to know what his views are, so far as they have been expressed. In the recent trial of Willis vs. Miller and the Indemnity Board he used the following language in declaring the segregation of the school tax unconstitutional. Said he: "So far as it may be maintained that the act of 1884 forbids the receipt of tax-receivable coupons for any State tax, to that extent it is in violation of the Constitution of the United States, as has been decided again and again by the Supreme Court, and no device of division or segregation or distribution of any particular State tax will avoid this fatal defect."

Fred. Douglass is in Paris, and complains that the burnt-cork artists misrepresent his race. Says Fred:

"This mode of warfare is purely American, and it is carried on here in Paris as it is in the great cities of England and of the States, so that to many minds, as no good was thought to come out of Nazareth, so no good is expected of the negro."

Senator Camden, of West Virginia, declares that "Patronage is a source of weakness to a party."

Alas, West Virginia must be weak, for it got a good deal.

SPECIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Prince for Bulgaria.

The startling report is published that America may be called on to furnish a candidate for the Bulgarian throne, and we hasten to nominate a man who would be likely to accept the trust on any conditions prescribed by the "Sobranje," and then adopt the policy of the Czar or of the "Powers" alternately, and disregard the resolution of the "Sobranje" asking him to resign. If there is not such a thing as a caucus in Bulgaria, he would be able to introduce that beautiful institution of our great western land and show Turk and Russian, Cossack, Bulgarian and Bashibazouk how to run a representative body by one-man power. And though we have heard tales of the Angora goat that can swing by its horns to a ragged Circassian crag, and light with its hoofs on the next mountain peak, we do believe that the *guelphus capriornus* of the Virginia "Boozing Ken" can beat the Bulgarian animal in a fair match.

Step up, Billy, and show the gentlemen the trick as performed before the admiring Senate, great American magnates, and countless multitudes—including the Virginia Legislature and Colonel Gaines, of Petersburg.

"Seaton?"
"Sire."
"Have you read our last catalogue?"
"Sire, on my bended knee I do implore your mercy. I soaked it in vinegar and bound it around my brow, and anon methought the Moonshes stood beside my couch, and in the pale glimpses of the moon I did behold some twenty thousand or more taxpayers that did bear coupons in their hands, and when I said 'these are the enemies of the State,' they put 20,000 thumbs on 20,000 noses and mockingly wiggled 80,000 fingers at me, and smiled 20,000 smiles on 40,000 ribald lips, and said with 20,000 voices, 'Put these figures in the automaton calculator, and deduct the amounts due to the school fund in 1863, and then you will see what it would cost to levy on 193,700,023 cows, mules, and horses.'"

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 29, 1886.

To General A. G. Greenwood, care Globe-Democrat, St. Louis:

If you mean that the reports are disgraceful to my character or position they are untrue. I caught a severe cold, went to my apartment, took a stimulant, and have been confined to my bed with pneumonia ever since. My physician is still attending me.

T. C. MANNING.

A thrill will rush across the nerves of woman's rights at the announcement that Colonel Belya Lockwood has nominated Matilda Joselyn Gage for the Presidency. Til is expected to run then as a side show to draw off votes from regular party nominees.

"I do not think it wise to direct the officers to levy after the tender of genuine coupons."—Attorney-General Ayers.

"OH PRESS MY SUIT!"

"Oh! tailor, press my suit to-day."
The young man cried in sorrow:
"Because my girl expects that I
Will press my suit to-morrow."
"These clothes I wear are thin and old,
And scarcely worth a hooter;
And such a sultor as I am
I'm sure would never suit her."
"Of course," the tailor said with glee,
To see the young man's sorrow;
"My lawyer has your last year's bills,
He'll press the suit to-morrow."
—[Critic.]

PROGRESS IN THE SOUTH.

The *Tradesman* publishes the following report of the new industries in twelve Southern States started in the last three months:

Alabama received 11 furnaces during the quarter, Tennessee 8, Virginia 4, Louisiana 1, West Virginia 1. The railroad companies are divided as follows: Alabama, 12; Arkansas, 3; Florida, 4; Georgia, 11; Kentucky, 3; Louisiana, 3; Mississippi, 4; North Carolina, 4; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 14; Texas, 3; Virginia, 2, and West Virginia, 1. Of 131 wood-working establishments Alabama received 25, Florida 15, Georgia 19, Tennessee 18, and West Virginia 13.

Of 73 foundries and mills Alabama received 24, Tennessee 11, Virginia 13, West Virginia 6, Texas 6, and Georgia 5. Of 59 mining and smelting companies Alabama has 9, Arkansas 2, Georgia 2, Kentucky 8, Mississippi 1, North Carolina 9, Tennessee 11, Texas 7, Virginia 4, and West Virginia 5. Of flour mills Arkansas received 3, Kentucky 8, North Carolina 6, Tennessee 8, Texas 3, and Virginia 8.

K. of L. Call for Funds.

The important circular just issued by the general officers of the Knights of Labor declares the present to be the most critical period in the history of the organization, and the necessity for co-operation on the part of all earnest and loyal members never before so great. The desired co-operation is of a financial character, and it must be had for the benefit of those who, at the beginning of an inclement season, find themselves locked out of employment. An assessment of twenty-five cents is therefore made upon each member of the order, which, it is thought, will provide a substantial fund sufficient for the present emergency.

Prima donna Furschmadi went into tears and would not sing at St. Louis because stage manager Hock wanted to change the setting of the stage in one scene. What business had Hock to question a prima donna's privileges? She was wrong, however, to cry, for the usual way is to show a doctor's certificate of which articles they keep a gross on hand.

A Better Time.

The prospect for a speedy enlargement of the production of American iron to meet growing business demands is good news to workmen, and they will not fail to note how completely it refutes the Republican predictions of "hard times" if Democrats should get into power. They will be better yet when Democratic policy has had a better chance and longer trial.—N. Y. Star.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The schedules in the assignment of D. Kellogg Parker and Charles A. Clark, wholesale grocers, New York, show liabilities of \$246,662; nominal assets \$406,545, and actual assets \$233,306.

In Philadelphia Tuesday Nicholas Kehoe, charged with the fatal stabbing of William McHale in August last, pleaded guilty of manslaughter, and was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

William Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil Company, has purchased the entire estate of the late William H. Aspinwall, on the Hudson river, in the towns of Mount Pleasant and Ossining. The property comprises about 800 acres and all the buildings and appurtenances.

Mr. "Thad" Wood, a Confederate soldier, who lost one leg in the recent war, will leave Gwinnett, Ga., in a few days for Richmond, to enter the Soldiers' Home. He has no family now, and has to skirmish along in the world alone, and has concluded to go back to Virginia to live. His leg is buried up there, and he wants to go back in that vicinity to spend the remainder of his days.

Michael E. Malone, of Westernport, Md., convicted of manslaughter in connection with the lynching of Johnson, was on the 29th of last month released on giving bail in the sum of \$8,000, the amount fixed by the court. The case has been carried to the Court of Appeals on exceptions during the trial. Malone's sureties are James Laughlin and W. F. Mansfield, of Westernport, and Daniel Webster and T. S. Kean, of Cumberland.

Tuesday afternoon a fire broke out among the cotton on the city cotton platform, in Raleigh, N. C., started, it is supposed, by a spark from a soldering furnace used by tinner who were roofing the lately erected compress on the platform. About 1,000 bales were destroyed and the loss is about \$50,000, distributed as follows: J. J. Thomas, \$1,600; G. D. Rand, \$1,750; C. E. Johnson & Co., \$6,000; E. H. Lee, \$3,000; M. A. Parker, \$2,000; D. B. Avera, \$5,900; Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, \$6,000 to \$10,000; P. F. Faison, \$6,000, all fully covered by insurance; Wyatt & Crowder, \$5,000, insurance \$1,000; Barbee & Barbee, \$1,575, insurance \$1,000; Latta & Myatt, \$6,000, insurance \$2,000. The compress building and platform were but slightly injured.

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